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This report presents a summary of recent trends in school and college enrollment based on the October 1977 Current Population Survey (CPS) and earlier surveys. Enrollment statistics representing growth and decline at various educational levels are evaluated in written summaries. Comparative and distributive enrollment statistics of the population 3 to 34 years old are presented by: level and control of school and race; age and sex; sex and race; undergraduate four year and two year colleges; Spanish origin; and selected educational characteristics. An appendix describes the source and reliability of the estimates and includes a table of standard errors and a table of parameters for standard error computation. (EB)

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This report presents a summary of recent trends in school and college enrollment based on the October 1977 Current Population Survey (CPS) and earlier surveys. Persons in the Armed Forces and inmates of institutions are not included in the figures shown in the statistical tables.

The total number of persons 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school was 60 million in October 1977, about 1 million less than the number enrolled in 1975 (table 1). This decline in total enrollment was largely due to a decrease of 1.2 million at the elementary school level between 1975 and 1977. This decrease was not significantly different from the decline in total enrollment during the period. Also, there was a decrease of 4.7 million in elementary enrollment between 1970 and 1977. In 1970, elementary school enrollment accounted for 56 percent of the total enrollment; by 1977 it had dropped to about 49 percent. As the number of persons enrolled in kindergarten through high school was primarily determined by the size of the eligible are groups rather than by changes in enrollment rates, enrollment trends at these levels reflected mainly population trends between 375 and 1977.

Nursery school enrollment did not change significantly between 1976 and 1977 and there is some evidence that it remained below the 1975 level. The proportion of 3- and 4-year-olds enrolled has remained essentially the same since 1975; about 32 percent (table 2). In 1967 the proportion was 14 percent. Kindergarten enrollment declined by about 300,000 between 1976 and 1977. This was the first significant decline recorded in a single year since these data were first collected in the CPS 30 years ago.

The majority of children enrolled in kindergarten were 5 years old (about 80 percent). Even though 5-year-olds are not covered by compulsory school attendance laws in any State, more than 9 out of 10 of these children were attending school in 1977; their enrollment rate is rapidly approaching that of all elementary school age children. The population of 5-year-olds decreased about 8 percent between

1976 and 1977, as did kindergarten enrollment, reflecting the large drop in the number of births 5 years earlier. All of the decrease occurred in public schools, which enrolled 5 out of 6 kindergarten students. Future changes in the size of the eligible population will probably have more influence on the total number of children enrolled in kindergarten than changes in enrollment rates which have already reached 92 percent for 5-year-olds.

Although there is some evidence of a decrease in elementary school enrollment (about 540,000) between 1976 and 1977, private school enrollment did not change significantly. In fact, private elementary school enrollment was not significantly different in 1977 from the level 4 years earlier. Nevertheless, private school students made up only 11 percent of all elementary school students in 1977, down from 15 percent in the mid-1960's. Total high school enrollment was about the same in 1977 as in the previous 2 years, as children born in two of the highest birth years (1960 and 1961) were still in high school in 1977.

Although the CPS did not show any significant growth in college enrollment of persons under 35 years old between 1976 and 1977, the number of persons enrolled in 1977 was about one-half million larger than in 1975. The number enrolled part time increased by abou. 9 percent between 1976 and 1977, while the number enrolled full time did not change. The increase in part-time enrollment is probably a result of an increase in enrollment of persons 25 to 34 years old, the majority of whom are enrolled part time. The number of college women remained at about 47 percent of all college students. Women constituted half of students of traditional college age (under 22 years old) and 44 percent of those 22 to 34 (table 4). Ten years earlier women made up only 40 percent of all college students, 46 percent of the traditional aged students, and 28 percent of older students.

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There were some changes in the number of students enrolled at various college levels. The number of college freshmen increased by about 300,000 following a nearly comparable decline the previous year. There is some evidence that the number of second year students dropped in 1977, reflecting the decline in freshmen in 1976. Enrollment at the remaining levels, third year and higher showed no significant change. Among undergraduates there was no significant change in 2-year or 4-year college enrollment nor was there significant change among men or women (table 5).

The significant changes in total college enrollment by age occurred among students 25 to 34 years old. There was also some evidence of an enrollment increase among persons 35 years old and over, as colleges continued to attract more persons above traditional college age (table 4). The number of students 25 years old and over increased from 3.7 to 4.1 million from 1976 to 1977. Among students 25 years old and over the number of women increased significantly while

the number of men did not. About 36 percent of all college students were 25 years old or over in 1977 compared with 28 percent 5 years earlier.

The enrollment of Blacks in college did not change significantly from 1976 to 1977. Year to-year changes in Black college enrollment are difficult to detect with a sample the size of the Current Population Survey. An observed change of about 150,000 Blacks in college is required to determine that a statistically significant change occurred. Still, the number of Black students 14 to 34 years old enrolled in 1977, 1.1 million, was twice the number enrolled in 1970 (tables 3 and 6). For Whites, the increase in the same period was about 30 percent. In the fall of 1977, Black students constituted about 11 percent of the college population, as in 1976; in 1970 they were about 7 percent of all college students.

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Table 1 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL OF SCHOOL AND RACE: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian nominstitutional population) 1967 1973 1970 1969 1968 Level and control of school ALI. RACES 57,656 60.357 59.913 58,791 Total enrolled..... 60.013 60,482 60,969 60,259 59.392 60.142 61.106 Nursery school..... 1,618 1,607 1,283 1.066 1,09€ 816 713 1 526 1.748 1.324 860 230 Public..... 574 423 400 317 333 245 402 562 476 1,056 1,050 1,174 1,184 924 881 763 615 554 484 3.312 3,191 3,490 3,393 3,252 3,074 3,135 3,263 3,183 3,276 3.268 2,665 2,962 2,851 2,726 2,582 2,636 2,689 2,647 2,682 2,709 2.678 526 547 526 493 499 574 536 594 559 635 528 33,440 33,950 33,761 79 234 31 126 31 469 32 242 33.507 33.788 29,774 30.446 28,877 30,001 29,825 29,527 25,983 26,598 27,166 27,956 28,201 28,693 29,829 3,169 3.268 3,549 3,678 4,562 3,251 3.279 3.075 High school..... 15.753 15,447 15,347 15,169 15,183 14,715 14,553 14,145 13,790 15,683 15.742 Public..... 13,545 12,793 12,498 14,505 14.541 14.503 14,275 14,162 14,015 14,057 13,400 Private..... 1,126 1,170 1,352 1.292 1,248 1,201 1.180 1,172 1,184 1,155 1,153 6,401 College..... 10,217 9,697 8,827 8,179 8,313 8,087 7,413 7,435 6,801 Public..... 4,540 7,925 7,739 7,704 6.905 6,224 6,337 6,271 5.699 5,439 4.948 1.861 1.714 1.854 2.292 2,211 1,994 1,922 1,955 1,976 1.816 1,995 5,763 5,357 4,976 5,810 Full time............ 7,196 7.176 7,105 6,351 6.089 6,314 6,204 78.8 77.7 Percent...... 70.4 72.1 73.3 71.9 74 4 76.0 76.7 77.7 78.1 1,650 1.425 1.883 1,444 3.021 2.592 2.475 2.090 1.625 Part time..... 2,773 1,999 WHITE 51,719 49,721 Total enrolled...... 50,151 50,761 51,430 50,992 50,617 51,314 52,081 51,465 50,608 888 Nursery school..... 1,340 1,079 893 664 1.314 1.432 1.087 676 1.246 134 198 163 136 Public..... 293 285 225 372 318 392 242 1,040 1,048 429 942 845 794 695 501 979 2,735 2,706 2,803 2,775 2.840 Kindergarten..... 2.611 2,845 2,745 2,584 2,633 2,881 2,254 Public..... 2,153 2,268 2,139 2,185 2,207 2,233 2,289 2,272 2,423 2,363 587 458 457 477 445 448 527 473 515 504 483 28,415 28.638 24.262 28.187 28.572 24,776 25,412 26.051 26,531 27.185 28.634 24,044 21,947 21,312 22,351 23,063 23.506 23.869 24.720 24,923 24,803 24,580 4,371 2,990 2,829 3.025 3,715 3.768 4.054 2,950 3,466 3,059 3,316 13,152 13,073 11,997 12,998 12,280 13,224 13,091 12,959 13.214 11,966 11,967 11,876 11,937 11,599 11,502 11,007 10,769 12.093 12,112 1,228 1,124 Private...... 1,172 1,107 1,124 1,083 1,061 1,085 1,272 1,121 5,905 College..... 9,812 7,781 7,324 7,458 7,273 6,759 6,827 6,255 8,544 8,516 4,155 .,743 6,724 4,501 Public..... 6,049 5,550 5.644 5.624 5.168 4.967 6,657 1.750 1.591 Private....... 2.069 1,987 1,792 1,732 1,773 1,814 1,650 1,860 College: 4,604 5,575 5.221 Full time............ 6.165 5,170 6,183 5,408 5.678 5.560 5,307 4.919 **, 78** . 0 78.7 71.6 Percent..... 70 0 71.4 72.6 73.8 76.1 76.4 77.2 77.7 BLACK 7,680 7,196 8,178 8,564 8,400 8,215 7,834 7,959 7.829 7,448 Total enrolled..... R,518 ે 178 Nursery school..... 132 250 2:5 276 227 210 135 1.51 170 129 89 Public..... 171 156 171 121 146 113 72 90 102 47 Private..... 78 61 80 105 106 64 68 495 542 423 448 464 426 418 Kindergarten...... 468 416 , 402 374 397 375 447 482 391 422 50 42 47 32 46 42 53 51 44 4,716 4.387 4.585 4.618 Elementary school...... 4,430 4,509 4,473 4.573 4.877 4 868 4 785 4,444 4,382 Public...... 4,166 4,344 4,455 4,277 4,712 4,668 4,633 4.569 4,256 173 2.21 175 165 131 196 191 165 200 151 146 11,651 2,327 2,125 2,025 1.834 2.044 2,006 1.808 1.718 2 258 2,199 1.605 2,269 2,072 1,988 1,971 1,951 1,794 1,751 1,656 2,140 2,187 Private..... 41 62 46 370 College..... 1,103 1,062 948 814 684 727 680 522 492 434 Public..... 916 659 532 422 372 359 280 887 782 537 100 90 Private...... 187 175 166 155 147 145 148 120 75 2/1 Full time..... 803 817 742 589 - 536 525 534 427 401 338 Percent................. 72 B 78.3 72.4 78.3 72.3 78.5 81.8 81.5 77.9 73.2

Table 2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE AND SEX: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(Civilian nominatikutional population)

	Percent enrolled												
Age and sex	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967		
Total, 3 to 34 years	52.5	53.1	53.74	53.6	53.5	54.9	5()		67.0				
3 and 4 years	32.0	31.3	31.5	28.8	24.2	24.4	56.2 21.2	56.4	57.0	56.7	56.6		
5 and 6 years	95.8	95.5	94.7	94.2	92.5	91.9	91.6	20.5	16.1	15.7	14.2		
7 to 13 years	99.4	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2	99.2		89.5	88.4	87.6	. 87 .4		
14 to 17 years	93.6	93.7	93.6	92.9	92.9		99.1	\$9.2	99.2	99.1	99.3		
18 and 19 years	46.2	46.2	46.9	43.1	42.9	93.3	94.5	94.1	94.0	94.2	93.7		
20 and 21 years	31.8	32.0	31.2	30.2		46.3	49.2	47.7	50.2	50.4	47.6		
22 to 24 years	16.5	17.1	51.2	15.1	30.1	31.4	32.2	31.,9	34.1	31.2	33.3		
25 to 29 years	10.8	10 0	10.1	9.6	14.5	14.8	15.4	14/9	15.4	13.8	13.6		
30 to 34 years	5.9	4.0			8.5	8.6	8.0	7/.5	7.9	7,0	6.6		
so to sa years	.1.4	7.0	6.6	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.0		
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Male, 3 to 34 years		55.1	56.0	56.0	56.1	57.8	59.3	59.7	60.5	60 .	60.0		
5 and 6 warm	32.1	30.9	30.9	28.1	24.5	24.4	20.0	/21 /2	15.5	15.4	14.2		
5 and 6 years	94.7	95.6	94.4	94.4	92.2	91.7	90.9	88.9	87.7	87.3	86.6		
7 to 13 years	99.3	99.0	91.0	99.2	99.2	99.1	98.9	99.0	98.9	98.9	99.1		
14 to 17 years	94.3	34.6	94.5	93.3	93.7	94.0	95.3	94.8	95.0	95.0	94.7		
18 and 19 years	48.4	48.2	49.9	45.8	47.9	51.2	55.4	54.4	59.4	60.4	56.3		
20 and 21 years	34.6	33.6	35.3	348	34.4	37.3	38.9	42.7	46.5	45.0	44.3		
22 to 24 years	19.7	20.7	20.0	19.4	19.1	21.3	23.3	21.2	22.9	20.5	21.0		
25 to 29 years	12.6	13.0	13.1	1.2.7	11.8	12.1	11.9	11.0	11.4	10.8	9.9		
30 to 34 years	7.1	f.8	7.7	6.7	5,6	5.8	6.3	3.3	5.9	5.0	5.4		
Female, 3 to 34 years	50.7	51.0	51.5	51.3	50.9	52.0	53.2	53.2	53.6	53.2	5,3 , 3		
3 and 4 years	32.0	31.6	32.1	29.5	23.8	24.4	22.4	19.8	16.8	16.1	14.1		
5 and 6 years	96.9	95.5	95.1	93.9	92.9	92.2	92.3	90.2	89.1				
7 to 13 years	99.5	99.3	99.6	99.5	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.5	P8.0	98.2		
14 to 17 years	93.0	92.8	92.6	92.5	92.1	92.6	93.7	93.4	93.1	99.3	99.4		
18 and 19 years	44.0	44.4	44.2	40.7	38.2	41.8	43.4		41.8	93.4	92.6		
20 and 21 years	29.1	30.6	27.4	26.0	26.3	26.3	26.8	41.6		41.3	40.3		
22.to 24 years	13.6	13.8	12.6	11.1	10.2			23.6	25.3	21.5	24.9		
25 to 29 years	9.1	7.3	7.2	6.7	5.4	8.9	8.4	9.4	9.1	8.3	7.4		
30 to 34 years	6.7	5.2	5.6	4.6		5.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	3.4	3.6		
		3.4	5.6	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.8	2.9	2.8		

Table 3. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY SEX AND RACE:
OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

<u></u>		(In tho	usands. C	IVIIIAN NO	ninstituti	onal popul	ation)				
Sex and race	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
ALL RACES											
Trual, enrolled in	ř	•					·	,			
college	10,217	9,950	9.697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401
Male	5,369	5,296	5,342	4,926	4,677	4,853	4,850	4,401	4,448	4,124	3,841
Female	4,848	4,654	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,460	3,236	3,013	2,987	2,677	2,560
Year of College											
First year	2,936	2,632	2.886	2,557	2,282	2,320	2,443	2,212	2,158	2,051	1,956
Second year	2,364	2,535	2,376	1,999	1.807	1,965	1,885	1,739	1,672	1,496	1,424
Third year	1,681	1,748	1,492	1,422	1,476	1,454	1,392	1,248	1,307	1,211	1,157
Fourth year	1,427	1,356	1,354	1,360	1,230	1,253	1,175	1,074	1,159	1,100	900
Fifth year or higher	1,810	1,680	1,589	1,490	1,385	.1,322	1,192	1,140	1,138	944	963
WHITE					,		·	,	`		
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Total, enrolled in							_				
college	8,812	8,644 4,658	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905
Female	4,717 4,095	3,986	4,774 3,743	4,367 3,413	4,218	4,397	4,407	4,066	4,146	3,843	3,560
remate	4,093	3,700	3,743	3.413	3,105.	3,061	2,867	2,693	2,681	2,412	2,345
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Total, enrolled in						ľ		•	,		
college	1,103	1,062	948	814	684	. :7	680	522	492	434	370
Male	490	489	442	422	358	384	363	253	· 236	221	199
Female	614	573	506	392	326	343	317	269	256	213	171



Table 4. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, acc text)

Age and sex	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	. 1968	1967
BOTH SEXES											
Total, 14 to 34 years	10,217	9,950	9,697	8,827	8, 179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	5,801	6,401
14 to 17 years	274	281	293	309	295	295	284	260	242	281	239
18 and 19 years	2,913	2,937	2,943	2,597	2,517	2,680	2,726	2,593	2,601	2,501	2,286
20 and 21 years	2,430	2.398	2,313	2,192	2,073	2,116	1,997	1,857	. 1,945	1,826	1,816
22 to 24 years	1,799	1,846	1,679	1.527	1,465	1,461	1,487	1,354	1,294	1,029	998
25 to 29 years	1,809	1,686	1,616	1,482	1,278	1,229	1,067	939	918	790	707
30 to 34 years	992	803	853	720	55 !	531	527	410	435	373	356
35 years and over	1,329	1,189	1,183	1,025	787	783	(NA)	((NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
MALE				ì]				i		
Total, 14 to 34 years	5,369	5,246	5,342	4,926	4 5/7	4,853	4,850	4,401	4,440	4,124	3,841
14 to 17 years	112	105	128	145	121	141	129	130	120	134	96
18 and 19 years	1,396	1,391	1,426	1.262	1,293	1,366	1,444	1,346	1,397	1,357	1,198
20 and 21 years	1,280	1,209	1,256	1,206	1,130	1,170	1,090	1,083	1,112	1,093	1,066
22 to 24 years	1,036	1,073	1,011	943	937	998	1,065	902	883	702	718
25 to 29 years	1,035	1,067	1,025	951	867	848	787	684	671	603	524
30 to 34 years	511	451	496	420	329	330	3 34	256	265	236	239
35 years and over	520	489	569	476	. 371	365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
FEMALE											
36	, ,,	4.654	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,459	3,236	3,013	2,987	2,677	2,560
Total, 14 to 34 years	4,848	176	164	165	174	153	154	130	122	147	143
14 to 17 years	162		1,517	1,335	1,224	1,314	1,281	1,248	1,204	1,144	. 1,088
18 and 19 years	1,517	1,546 1,189	1,058	986	944	946	906	774	833	733	749
20 and 21 years	1,151	773	668	584	528	464	423	452	411	328	280
22 to 24 years	763	619	590	531	411	381	280	255	247	187	183
25 to 29 years	774 481	352	357	300	222	200	192	154	,171	138	117
35 years and over	809	700	614	548	416	418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	: (NA)	(NA)

Table 5. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN ALL COLLEGES AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD BY AGE, SEX, AND FULL-TIME STATUS: OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian nominstitutional population) Age, sex, full-time status, and 1977 1976 1975 1974 1973 1972 1971 type of college 1970 ALL COLLEGES Total-Undergraduate Total, 14 to 34 years...... 8,408 8,270 8,108 7,338 6,794 6,992 6.895 6,274 14 to 19 years..... 3,184 3,216 3,237 2,906 2,812 2,974 3,008 2,854 20 and 21 years........... 2.376 2.358 2.255 2,131 2,031 2,065 1,936 1.803 22 to 24 years..... 1,206 1.224 1.072 1,028 924 944 1,019 866 25 to 34 years..... 1,640 1,472 1.546 1,272 1.028 1,011 /4,372 Male, 14 to 34 years..,.... 4,301 4,393 3,791 3,982 4.030 4,017 3,627 Full time..... 3,304 3,29i 3,394 3,128 3.035 3,231 3,045 3,240 Part time..... 1,068 1,010 999 751 902 756 777 582 Female, 14 to 34 years..... 3,715 4.027 3.969 3,307 3,004 3,010 2,878 2,646 Full time..... 3,002 3,090 2.902 2,561 2,423 2,445 2,348 2,164 Part time..... 1,025 879 813 746 581 565 530 482 Full-time Undergraduate Total, 14 to 34 years...... 6,304 6,381 6,296 5,689 5,460 5,678 5,588 5,208 14 to 19 years..... 2,855 2,963 2,987 2,797 2,661 2,629 2,801 2,685 20 and 21 years.,..... 2.075 2,033 1.958 1,842 1,801 1,845 1,729 1,628 22 to 24 years..... 821 696 697 630 624 700 25 to 34 years...... 598 563 655 488 398 412 357 301 TWO-YEAR COLLEGES Total Undergraduates Total, 14 to 34 years...... 2.510 1.797 2.435 2.561 2,072 1,910 1.830 1.692 14 to 19 years..... 933 1.024 907 834 816 883 928 895 20 and 21 years..... 455 444 431 278 254 334 369 307 281 380 367 305 267 263 234 741 718 752 449 565 426 331 283 Male, 14 to 34 years..... 1.253 1,272 1,412 1,172 1,012 1,125 1,087 1,001 Full time..... 581 734 850 709 629 770 726 726 Part time..... 572 538 562 463 383 355 361 275 Female, 14 to 34 years..... 1,256 1.163 1.148 785 785 899 743 691 Full time..... 696 717 484 528 .471 473 452 Part time..... 565 301 270 239 Full-time Undergraduates Total, 14 to 34 years...... 1,372 1,430 13567 1,255 1,237 1,100 1,199 1,177 14 to 19 years..... 718 764 865 702 702 772 797 786 20 and 21 years..... 283 274 261 233 165 223 209 197 22 to 24 years..... 162 155 121 134 124 114 25 to 34 years..... 208 80

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1977

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian nominatitutional population. For meaning of symbols ₱ see text)

				Enrolled	in school			_		Not enrolle	d in school		
Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Popu-	Tot	al .	Below 9		Coll		Tot	al	liigh : grad		Not high gradu	
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Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1977—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

,			<u> </u>	Enrolled	in school					Not enrolle	in school		
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Appendix

SOURCE AND RELIABIL TY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of Data. The estimates of school enrollment in 1977 are based on data obtained in October of 1977 in the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census file and is updated continuously to reflect new construction where possible. The current sample is spread over 614 areas with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In the sample, approximately 56,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,500 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 56,000, there are also about 9,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed. For a description of CPS sample designs prior to 1977, see the detailed report for . 1976 in this series.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from decennial censuses; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the Estimates. Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey - sampling and nonsampling. For estimates in this report indications of the magnitude of sampling error are provided but the extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

Sampling variability. The standard errors presented in table A-1 are primarily measures of sampling variability, that

is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population was surveyed. As calculated, the standard error also partially measures the effect of certain response and enumeration errors, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that this difference would be less than 1.6 times the standard error and about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

All statements of comparison in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better and most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by the use of the phrase, '"some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors.

Note when using small estimates. Percent distributions are shown in this report only when the base of the percentage is greater than 75,000. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that percentages would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated number of persons are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard errors for data based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard errors are provided in table A-1 for estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

More detailed standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers of persons or families and estimated percentages are provided in the detailed report for 1976 in this series. A more complete source and reliability statement for the 1977 data will be published with the forthcoming 1977 detailed report.

Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages. Standard errors of estimated numbers and

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estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2) below, respectively. The formulas are:

$$\sigma_{x} = \sqrt{ax^{2} + bx}$$
 (1)

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

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$$\sigma_{(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{p})} = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{x}}} \quad \mathbf{p} \quad (100-\mathbf{p}) \tag{2}$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage $(0 \le p \le 100)$, and b is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A-2 provides the values of the a and b parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages.

Table A-1. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages of Persons 3 to 34 Years Old Enrolled in School for the Total, White, and Black Populations: October 1977

(68 chances out of 100. Numbers in thousands) Standard errors of estimated Estimated numbers of persons numbers of persons Enrollment and age Total White Black Total White Black Total enrolled..... 60,013 8,564 50,151 257 252 101 Nursery school..... ..1,618 1,314 250 50 45 21 Private..... 1,056 942 78 41 39 12 Kindergarten............ 3,191 2,611 496 65 61 29 Private..... 526 458 50 30 28 9 Elementary school 29,234 24,262 4,387 93 216 202 Private..... 3,251 2,950 221 81 77 25 High school,..... 15,753 13,152 2,327 169 156 74 Private..... 1,248 1.172 59 51 49 13 College..... 1,103 10,217 8,812 139 130 53 Private..... 2,292 2,069 187 68 65 23 Full time..... 7,196 6,165 803 118 110 46 Standard errors of estimated. AGE Estimated percentages percentage 3 and 4 years.......... 32.0 31.1 35/20.8 0.9 2.1 5 and 6 years..... 95.8 95.6 96.5 0.4 0.4 1.0 99.5 99.5 7 to 9 years..... 99.3 0.1 0.1 0.4 10 to 13 years..... 99.4 99.4 99.0 0.1 0.1 0.4 14 and 15 years..... 98.5 98.5 98.8 0.2 0.2 0.5 16 and 17 years.1..... 88.9 88.5 90.8 0.5 0.5 1.4 18 and 19 years. 46.2 45.5 48.3 0.8 0.9 20 and 21 years.......... 31.8 31.8 29.5 0.7 0.8 22 to 24 years..... 16.5 16.3 15.2 0.5 0.51.7 25 to 29 years..... 10.8

Table A-2. Parameters to be Used for Each School Enrollment Characteristic for Direct Computation of Standard Errors

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